

CLAIMS

1. An intubation tool comprising:

a handle;

a blade; and

at least one imaging unit,

said handle and blade being releasably interlockable with each other.

2. The intubation tool according to claim 1 having a passageway through the handle and the blade.

3. The intubation tool according to claim 1 wherein the imaging unit comprises an image sensor and an illumination source.

4. The intubation tool according to claim 3 wherein the image sensor and illumination source are located behind an optical window.

5. The intubation tool according to claim 1 comprising a transmitter.

6. The intubation tool according to claim 5 wherein the transmitter is wireless.

7. The intubation tool according to claim 1 comprising a power source.

8. The intubation tool according to claim 1 wherein the imaging unit is connected to the blade.

9. The intubation tool according to claim 1 wherein the imaging unit is positioned at a distal end of the blade.

10. The intubation tool according to claim 2 comprising a bivalve element, said element being releasably attachable to the handle and to the blade.

11. A system for intubation, the system comprising

an intubation tool, said tool comprising:

a handle;

a blade;

at least one imaging unit; and

a transmitter;

said handle and blade being releasably interlockable with each other; and

a receiving unit for receiving signals transmitted from the transmitter.

12. The system according to claim 11 wherein the transmitter is wireless.

10 13. The system according to claim 11 comprising a processing unit for processing received signals.

14. The system according to claim 11 wherein the signals include image data.

15. The system according to claim 11 comprising a display.

16. The system according to claim 11 wherein the intubation tool includes single use components.

17. A device comprising:

a handle releasably connected to a blade; and

an imager.

18. The device according to claim 17 comprising a channel through the blade.

20 19. The device according to claim 17 comprising a power source.

20. The device according to claim 17 comprising a radio transmitter.